

Those Spectacular NC State Parks – B. Bockhahn

High Peaks

- MOMI – 1st state park 1916, by citizens, 6684' highest east of MS river
- GRMO – backcountry is state park, Morton and GFM Inc, Ladder trail
- ELKN – 5500', 2nd highest in Watauga county, Amphibolite
- MOJE – Sunset, drive up , views of BRP, named for Thomas Jefferson who surveyed VA/NC line

Mountain Slopes

- GORG – waterfalls, gorges, lush, rare waterfall spray community, Gorge filmy fern, whitewater falls nearby 441' is highest east of MS river, Lake Jocasee with waterfalls plunging into lake
- STMO – 600' granite dome, hike to top, waterfalls, cold water trout stream
- CHRO – Hickory Nut Gorge, private contract concession
- SOMO – rugged, lots of long trails for foot, horse or bike, waterfalls, CCC construction, Bigfoot

Monadnocks

- PIMO – Quartzite that didn't erode, drive to summit, rock climbing, pilot, Yadkin river
- HARO – built by the CCC 1930s, mountains, overlooks, waterfalls, lake with canoes
- CRMO – cliffs, trails, Kyanite and Quartzite, Revolutionary war sites nearby
- OCMO – quarry, fishing ponds, highest point in Orange county, highest to atlantic

Rivers

- NERI – one of the oldest in NA, flows to VA, WV, MS river and gulf
- MARI – mill site, waterfalls, kayaking class 3 boiling hole, 12 miles of 20 class I's
- HARI – wetland headwaters for HARI, DEEP, Cape Fear, EE center, lodge
- ENRI – Durham residents fought for, MST, 33 miles to FALA, 20 plus mill sites, low flow for paddling
- CLNE – Neuse river below FALA, fault shift, clay, sand, seashells, hike and paddle to
- RARO – Cape Fear below JORD, 1 hr from Raleigh, fish traps, CORA historic, towering rock cliffs

Piedmont

- MOMO – Mountain of artifacts, Native Ameircans, Pee Dee River, CCC build, cabins, pool
- WIUM - middle of triangle, 5579 acres, lake paddle, MUT trail
- MEMO – biotite granite, belly of volcano that never blew, 325' nothing higher east/south, NR waterdog

Reservoirs

- LAJA – 6812 acres, base of Linville gorge, flood control, campsites, boat in sites
- LANO – 32,000 acres, largest entirely in NC, campsites, bike trails
- JORD – 14,000 acres, Cape Fear below, 1000 campsites, second highest bird checklist 313 species
- FALA – 12,000 acres, falls of Neuse, narrower, highest bird checklist 317 species
- KELA – 50,000 acres on Dan River, deep, waterfront development

Sandhills

- WEWO – SNA, no blowers, light management other than FIRE, pine barrens treefrog, burnt bark mimic moth
- CACR – Longleaf and fire, fox squirrel, jumping spider, Rockefeller house and millpond, waterfalls downstream

Swamp

- LURI – 115 miles Natural and Scenic river, canoe camping, flow to SC
- GOCR – blackwater, CP, Spanish moss, boardwalk, on sound brackish
- MEMI – 190 year old 760 acre millpond, cypress gum swamp, canoe trails and camping, rental
- DISW – massive natural area, drainage ditches, hydrology issues, trails, boardwalks, WILDLife

Bays and Lakes

- JONE – Jones and Salters lake, beach, boat rental, shallow, trail around and to salters, rare dragonfly
- SILA – group camp, cabins, paddling, sandhills
- LAWA – Limestone cliffs, tea colored water, shallow, endemic mussels and fish, hydrilla problem
- PETT – 2nd largest natural lake in NC, pocosin, Scuppernong, very IBA

Coast

- JORI – highest sand dune on east coast, martime forest, kite flying festivals and windsurfing school, wright brothers
- FOMA – 2nd state park, civil war fort, in good shape, re-enactments and cannon firing
- HABE – 3.5 mile bear island, paddle or ferry, crystal skipper, Loggerhead Sea Turtle nesting
- CABE – campground, marina, venus fly trap trail
- FOFI – Civil war fort that saw a lot of action, protected port of Wilmington at mouth of cape fear, 6 miles of beach, graveyard of Atlantic and blackbeard